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FOR DEPLOYING AN INFORMATION  
RETRIEVAL SYSTEM

Art Unit: 2687

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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This Preliminary Amendment, filed subsequent to a Request for Continued Examination of the referenced application, should be considered before further examination of this application.